

Local Teams in S. C. Softball Title Elimination Tonight at City Park



Sport Shots

By Bob Lewellen

Those BIG GAMES at The Park Tonight

• THERE'S a whale of a double-header on tap for night-ball fans of the entire harbor district tonight at our own city park. I was glad to help bring Torrance these play-offs to determine what team will represent this district in the L. A. tournament. This will be held Sept. 7 to 13. Because this is being written Wednesday afternoon I don't know the opposing teams for our champs, the National Supply, and the runner-up, Smith Brothers. But I do know that both local squads will give a good account of themselves tonight and it behooves every fan to be out at the city park rooting for them. Let's show the Torrance boys that we are behind them tonight and jam that city park to its capacity.

Don't Bet Your Money on These

• WITH summer sinking into the back stretch, "Sport Shots" has been looking over the football situation. It's Army, Yale and Pitt in the east, Duke in the south, Texas Aggies in the southwest, Minnesota and Notre Dame in the midwest (with Wisconsin a dark horse) and Washington or Southern California on the Pacific.

Yale, as they say, is primed even without Laughing Larry Kelley. Army has been touted from here to Christmas all Summer. No one has to worry about Pitt or Minnesota. They will be three deep from backfield to waterbody, as usual. Texas Aggies, with a flock of veterans, not only hope to take the Southwest Conference, but are looking for a lot of fun at the expense of several inter-sectional rivals. Duke's a good bet in the south because they're still plenty peeved over that upset by Tennessee that kept them out of the Rose Bowl last year. Notre Dame may have something. The Irish will boast the biggest squad in the country, anyway, and may come up with the stuff.

It Will Not Be Long Now

• COACH Tom Lieb of Loyola University notified football candidates to report for their suits Sept. 10. Actual practice for the Lions, who face one of the toughest independent schedules in the country, will begin Sept. 13.

Loyola will open the season Sept. 24, against the Caltech Engineers and will then face Redlands, Hardin-Simmons, St. Mary's, Santa Clara, San Francisco, Arizona, Centenary, Baylor, Villanova and Gonzaga. All games except Baylor will be played in Los Angeles.

Budge and Mako Surprise British

• INCIDENTALLY, this little bit of gossip followed Don Budge and his Davis Cup teammates back from abroad. They won't discuss it, but here it is: During or just prior to the All-England championships at Wimbledon, he and his doubles partner, Gene Mako, were invited to a swanky dinner at the home of some Lord, Duke or other dignitary. The appointed hour for the "dinner is served" announcement came and went. A hundred or so guests were on hand, dressed to the king's taste in white tie and tails. But no Budge or Mako. Finally they arrived. With all the dignity of a couple of visiting firemen, they walked in—in shorts and polo shirts!

New York Yankees

And Joe Dimaggio and the BASEBALL writers up and down the major league front have themselves all in a dither these days over those belting New York Yankees. Some say Col. Jake Ruppert should break up his wonder team for the good of baseball. Others contend such a policy would hardly be fair to the fans.

"Why," asks Ruppert, "should I break up my ball club? I paid big money to get my stars together. Let the other fellows do the same."

Which is true. Ruppert outbid a flock of major league rivals who were afraid to take a chance on Joe Dimaggio last year—and the deadpan slugger is now the biggest drawing card in the game. A lot of Clubs went after Tommy Henrich last winter when Commissioner Lan-

Fans Should Pack Field for Special Double-Header

With a chance at the Southern California title at stake, this city's 1937 champions, the National Supply, and the runner-ups, Smith Brothers, will battle two San Pedro teams tonight at the city park diamond in double-header elimination games that should attract a capacity crowd of fans.

Last night the S. H. Kress nine of San Pedro and the Redondo Eagles emerged as winners in the first play-off at San Pedro and they will furnish the opposition for the seven-inning games with Torrance teams here tonight, starting at 8 o'clock. The Smith Brothers will open the double-header against the Kress team, while the National Supply champs will clash with the Redondo Eagles in the night-cap.

Deciding Game Friday
The Kress team defeated the Three Pigs, also of San Pedro, last night 7 to 5; the Redondo Eagles won their game with Henry's Varsity Shop (San Pedro), 9 to 2.

Considering the talent that will be exposed under the arc light tonight, the admission charge of 25 cents for adults (10 cents for children) is a nominal fee. The winners this evening will be seen in the concluding semi-final Friday night. In event the San Pedro and Redondo teams are eliminated, that deciding game will be played here and the Nationals and Smith Brothers will thus have an opportunity to decide once and for all which is the better team.

"Laying It On Line"
The Southern California softball tournament opens in Los Angeles next Tuesday night. Because of the increased number of teams seeking entrance in the tourney, it was necessary to stage eliminations in all communities. Matt Gallagher, tournament director, was asked to allow one team from each city.

Torrance, San Pedro and Redondo—but was unable to handle that number of teams and suggested the Harbor District elimination. All games are seven-inning affairs and it is reported that the betting fraternity is "laying it on the line" heavily in backing the community favorites.

The Torrance teams were entered early this week by the combined efforts of Harry Beach of the National Supply, Cecil Smith of the Smith Brothers and Robert Lewellen, sports editor of The Herald. The decision to hold the double play-off here tonight was made by Joe Goss, San Pedro sports writer who is running the Harbor District elimination, after Lewellen had obtained the use of the city park diamond for the games.

Deer Hunting Error Piles Up \$500 Costs

SANTA BARBARA, Cal.(U.P.).—Deer hunting is one of the most expensive sports on the Pacific coast unless the hunter is able to distinguish accurately between a deer and a pig.

Police Patrolman Nicholas failed to do so and it cost him a 90-day suspension which, with the price of the pig, loss of pay and confiscation of his rifle, made his deer hunting experience total \$500.

dis made him a free agent. Ruppert outlasted them all and the youngster is paying dividends with a big bat.

Louie Neva Leads Western Assoc., Batting Average

Louis Novikoff, also known as Louie Neva, who pitched the Torrance Bluebirds to a state nightball championship in 1935 and participated in part of the Bluebirds' night ball game for a baseball career at the beginning of the season.

He joined the Ponca City team—"angel farm" of the Western association—and today stands No. 1 in that league's batting average. This is not surprising to those who remember his performance on the mound here. He was rated one of the greatest softball twirlers ever to send a bender to the platter. He left here the last week in July, 1934, without giving any reason for quitting the Bluebirds.

Neva or Novikoff has appeared at the platter some 440 times in 106 games so far this season for the Ponca nine. He cracked out 160 hits to drive in 107 runs and scored 88 himself. This gives the former softball pitching ace a batting average of .364 for the season.

His softball pitching average was much greater, Louie having won far more than half his starts on the hill while tossing the oversized ball. However, if he can continue to hit, baseball may prove the most profitable for him.

Bowlers Prepare for Big Season

The Torrance Bowling Academy is now having a full house practically every night, even though the bowling season and the leagues will not start until Sept. 9. Ed Gaspar reports that the enthusiasm now being shown is beyond his imagination. New bowlers and especially ladies are coming in every day, realizing the physical benefits to be derived from bowling. Free instruction is given at all times to anyone desiring to learn. Ladies especially are learning that bowling is the easiest and surest remedy for reducing and keeping that girlish figure.

The Torrance team traveled to Compton last week and won its series by the close margin of 10 points. Compton will play a return match at the Torrance alleys tonight. The team from March Field will be here Sunday night to battle the local team. The leagues are forming fast and four of them are practically completed at this time, National Supply, Major or 875 league, Merchants and Commercial.

"We are now organizing a Ladies Matinee League and a Ladies Evening League. Any ladies wishing to enter either of these leagues are requested to leave their names at the Academy and full explanation will be given them," Gaspar said yesterday.

New Champion



Johnnie Goodman, new amateur golf champion of the United States by virtue of his tournament win at Portland, Ore., is shown above as the cameraman caught his smile of victory after the final match in which he eliminated Ray Ellows, of Foughkeeps, N. Y.

Revolver Club to Meet Sept. 7

Members of the Torrance Revolver club will hold their next monthly meeting at the Hollywood Riviera clubhouse, Sept. 7, according to President John Stroh. This will be a stag dinner event with Gene DeBra furnishing the entertainment in the form of motion pictures. All members are expected to attend.

The averages of members for the year to Sept. 1 follow:

Name	St.	Av.
Freeman	47	271.34
Bennett	99	268.85
Eckersley	60	266.39
Stanger	202	265.50
March	45	263.38
Boynton	86	258.50
De Bra	77	257.60
Anderle	40	257.40
Grant	67	249.59
Ashton	86	248.55
Medicus	85	248.72
Moore	36	247.35
Travioli	111	247.33
Green	43	242.43
Maddux	79	241.12
Brown	38	238.23
Spehger	55	238.16
Van Gorder	32	234.13
Calder	68	232.37
Morgan, J.	84	230.70
Haslam	54	228.30
Webb	7	224.42
Peterson	27	223.50
Stroh	75	219.72
Dolton	74	217.16
Stewart	28	217.54
Smith	19	216.03
Schuerman	92	214.14
Ecklund	27	211.72
Schumacher	44	209.11
Tolson	4	198.25
Tiffany	21	195.45
Thompson	5	191.00
Colburn	19	182.80
Ferkin	22	173.15
Evans	48	168.14
Barrington	5	152.50

Britain Reduces Jobless
LONDON (U.P.)—Unemployment in Great Britain is at its lowest now since December, 1929, and there are even 50,000 jobs "going begging."

The Herald's Sport Page

TENNIS CLUB HAMPERED BY LACK OF COURTS HERE

Altho greatly handicapped by the lack of an adequate number of courts, members of the up-and-coming Torrance Tennis club won their first inter-city matches with Lynwood's crack racketeers, 15 to 13, last Sunday. About half of the games were played in each community.

On Sunday, Sept. 12, another inter-city round is scheduled with South Gate's net players forming the opposition.

The local players are limited to the two courts at the high school and because the club has more than 30 members at the present time, they are finding it difficult to arrange schedules among themselves and with other cities in the tennis league. The Torrance club would like to see the long-proposed courts for the city park installed so that those who would like to play here may do so without going out of town.

Results of Games
An effort may be made in the near future to interest the city council in building the additional courts and illuminate them for night play. The lighting system at the high school courts is said by club members to be none to good. The Torrance Tennis group has 12 matches scheduled with other cities' net stars, William Shaver is temporary president of the club here.

Semi-finals singles' winners from Torrance in last Sunday's games with Lynwood players were: Gordon Groves, Tony Prodan, Jack Clayton, John Stone, Melvin Benner and Art Woodcock. Local losers were Hugh Steadman, John Powers, Parke Montague and Howard Hudson.

Torrance doubles winners were: Groves and Bailey, Stone and Montague, and Woodcock and Benner. Losers were Prodan and Clayton, Smith and Steadman, P. Lang and J. Lang, Hudson and Merrill, and Ruppel and Jameson.

In the women's singles, Louise Shanahan, Joan Klink and Laurella Lancaster won their matches while Arlys Fossten lost hers. In the mixed doubles Miss Shanahan and P. Lang, Miss Lancaster and Merrill won while Miss Fossum and Powers and Miss Klink and Bob Clayton lost.

Lomitans Win Over Goodyear as Giants Coming

Pat Malone, ace Lomita Merchant twirler, settled down after a bad first inning Sunday during which the Goodyear Service nine scored five runs and held the invaders to four hits as the Merchants came back to win, 10 to 5.

The Goodyear team was sent down to play here in place of the Follies theatre club which is taking a two-weeks' vacation. Weddie, Lomita shortstop, was the only local hitter to connect safely more than once. He got two of the Merchants' six hits; four of the blows went for extra bases.

Next Sunday the Lomitans, managed by Walt Morris, will play the White King Giants at the city park diamond. The following Sunday, Sept. 12, will find the park field devoted to the annual Masonic picnic and the Merchants will play elsewhere.

ADDITIONAL SPORTS
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Bears Lose to Giants, 2 to 1

The Los Angeles Giants nearly shut-out the Torrance Bears in a game played last Sunday. The Giants won, 2 to 1, with Bell allowing the Bears four hits. E. Garcia, pitching for the local Mexican nine, also granted four hits.

BEARS vs. ALL-STARS
The Torrance Bears will play the Los Angeles All-Stars at Gardena high school field next Sunday starting at 2 o'clock.

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